### BEFORE

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2015- -C

IN RE: Petition of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff For the Commission to Order a Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity For Certain Providers of the Telecommunications Services Should Not Be Revoked

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), by filing this petition, would respectfully show and request of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that:

- 1. The Commission is a state agency constituted pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina with its business offices located in Columbia, South Carolina. Further, the Commission is responsible for the regulation of telephone utilities operating for compensation as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-10, et seq. (Supp. 2014).
- 2. ORS is charged with the duty to protect the public interest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10, et seq. (Supp. 2014).
- 3. The Telecommunications Companies ("Companies") listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D are certificated "telephone utilities" as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-10(6) (1976) in that they are persons or corporations, their lessees, assignees, trustees, receivers or other successors in interest owning or operating in this State equipment or facilities

for the transmission of intelligence by telephone for hire, including all things incident thereto and related to the operation of telephones.

- 4. The Companies listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-710, et seq. (Supp. 2014). Further, they have submitted themselves to the jurisdiction of the Commission by their holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as indicated in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D.
- 5. The Telecommunications Companies listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D upon receiving their Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, were found to possess the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the services requested. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B)(1) (Supp. 2014).
- 6. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-3-100, 58-3-540, 58-4-60, and 58-9-370 (Supp. 2014), the public utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction are assessed by the Department of Revenue based on amounts that are certified by the Commission, the review committee, and ORS to be assessed. ORS may require reports and special reports concerning any matter about which the ORS is authorized to inquire or keep itself informed or which it is required to enforce.
- 7. The Companies listed in Exhibit A have failed to submit the requisite gross receipts filings. The Companies are required to submit their Gross Receipts form on August 31st annually.
- 8. ORS has the responsibility to ensure that telephone utilities are filing certain reports. "Subject to the approval of the commission, the Office of Regulatory Staff may require any telephone utility to file annual reports in such form and of such content as the Office of

Regulatory Staff may require and special reports concerning any matter about which the Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to inquire or keep itself informed or which it is required to enforce." S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-370(A) (Supp. 2014).

- 9. The Companies listed in Exhibit B have failed to submit the requisite 2013

  Annual Report that was due on April 1st.
- 10. The Universal Service Fund ("USF") is administered by the ORS under guidelines adopted by the Commission. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(E) (Supp. 2014).
- 11. The Commission USF guidelines approved in Order No. 2011-996, requires each carrier to file on an annual basis the information necessary to allow ORS to calculate the carrier's contribution. The annual filing is referred to as the Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet ("USF Report").
- 12. The Companies listed in Exhibit C have failed to submit the requisite USF Report that was due on July 1st.
- 13. All telephone utilities carriers receiving authority to operate in the state since 1996 have been required to and have agreed to support universal service in the State of South Carolina.
- 14. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2005-7, dated January 11, 2005, the ORS was designated the Administrator of the Universal Service Fund. As part of the ORS responsibilities as administrator, the ORS bills and collects universal service support.
- 15. The Companies listed in Exhibit D have outstanding Universal Service Fund support payments which are dated significantly greater than 90 days.

- 16. In addition to the typical notification concerning the requirement to file the required reports and payments, the ORS has made follow-up notification to the carriers concerning non-compliance with Commission requirements.
- 17. The information for the business entities listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D accurately reflects the information on file with the South Carolina Secretary of State. See Exhibit E, Affidavit of James McDaniel.
- 18. "Each telephone utility shall obey and comply with each and every requirement of every order, decision, direction, rule or regulation made or prescribed by the Commission and every direction, rule or regulation made or prescribed by the Office of Regulatory Staff in the performance ... or in relation to any other matter in any way relating to or affecting the business of such telephone utility and shall do everything necessary or proper in order to secure compliance with and observance of every such order, decision, direction, rule or regulation by all of its officers, agents and employees." S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-390 (Supp. 2014).
- 19. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-1120 (Supp. 2014), "the Commission may ... conduct such other hearings as may be required in the administration of the powers and duties conferred by Articles 1 through 13 of this chapter and by other laws relating to telephone utilities."

# WHEREFORE, the ORS staff prays that the Honorable Commission:

1. Enter an order establishing a Rule to Show Cause instituting a formal proceeding against the persons and business entities listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C and Exhibit D.

2. For the persons and business entities listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C and

Exhibit D, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Regs. 103-830 (Supp. 2014), cause a copy of this

petition to be served upon such named respondents or other proper person or entity.

3. Require the parties to submit an Answer to this Petition within the deadlines

prescribed by the Commission's rules and regulations.

4. Schedule and conduct a formal administrative hearing to address disputed issues of

fact and law regarding the Certificate pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-820 (Supp.

2014).

5. Find that the Companies listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C and Exhibit D have

not complied with orders, decisions, directions, rules and regulations made or

prescribed by the Commission.

6. Enter a final order canceling the Certificates held by the Companies listed in Exhibit

A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C and Exhibit D.

7. Take other appropriate action which the Commission may deem necessary.

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) ) ) AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. MCDANIE ) )

The Affiant, after having been first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- My name is James M. McDaniel, and I am employed by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") as the Program Manager.
- 2) My office is located at 1401 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.
- 3) I and/or personnel under my direction researched the South Carolina Secretary of State's website in order to determine the corporate status of the business entities listed in Exhibit A, B, C, and D of this petition.
- 4) I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, the corporate statuses of the business entities listed in Exhibit A, B, C, and D are accurate.

# AND FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

JAMES M. MCDANIEI

Program Manager

Telecommunications Area

South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

1401 Main Street, Suite 900

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Sworn and subscribed before me

this 22° day of JANUARY , 20 15

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires:

FAITH SHEHANE

Notary Public, State of South Carolina Wy Commission Expires 3/1/2022

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This is to certify that I, Faith E. Shehane, have this date served one (1) copy of the PETITION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

[PLEASE SEE COMPLETE LIST OF PARTIES SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES]

Faith F. Shehane

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